

# **Attorney General's Task Force to End Sexual Violence**

**December 8, 2004**

**Department of Attorney General**

**150 South Main Street**

**Providence, RI 02903**

**Attorney General Conference Room**

**12:20 p.m.**

**In attendance were: Attorney General Patrick Lynch; Tom Izzo, SATRC; Kate Begin, Prevent Child Abuse, RI; Gail Cohee, Brown University; Sara Whiteny; Katie Brown Education Program; Alan Goulart, RI Department of Attorney General; Peg Langhammer, SATRC; Laura Pisaturo, RI Department of Attorney General; Marlene Roberti, SATRC; Liana Cassar, Brown University; Robin Smith, DOH; Donna LaFontaine, W&I; Roberta McMahon, Leslie Jacobo, Chispa; Lisa Holley, RI Parole Board; Joseph Le, SEDC; Michael Chalek, Cranston Police Department; George Mason; RI Department of Attorney General**

## **I. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions**

**Calling the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch made opening remarks and thanked everyone in attendance.**

## **II. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Policy and Legislation:** Senator Izzo indicated that this sub-committee met during the summer and went over a number of issues and that subsequent to that, that there will be a meeting on December 15 at 2:00 p.m. where the subcommittee will meet to discuss three areas. George Mason indicated that the three areas to discuss will be:

**1. Sex offender counseling**

**2. Offense – disorderly conduct**

On this issue, AG Lynch asked AAG Laura Pisaturo to give a brief description of the “Martini” issue. AAG Pisaturo indicated that State v. Martini had more impact under the domestic violence arena and that it was a case decided by the Rhode Island Supreme Court where the court determined that the charge of disorderly conduct, because it was a petty misdemeanor, did not carry with it any of the enhanced penalties listed under the domestic violence act so whether it was a third or more offense on someone’s record, it could not be charged as a felony as you would be able to enhance other misdemeanors.

**3. Level two and level three sex offenders**

George Mason indicated that because of the difficulties to find out

where the level two and level three offenders are, it was decided to draft language to add to the statute in order for police to be able to release the names of the level two and level three sex offenders.

**B. Case Review:** AAG Laura Pisaturo indicated that this subcommittee has met almost every month. She indicated that they have started to draft protocols that everyone can use on sexual assault and child molestation cases and will be able to get something to the Task Force by February.

Attorney General Lynch indicated that there are many troubling cases in nursing homes and one of the issues that should be discussed further is elder abuse and that there is a need for an elder advocate.

**C. Training and Development:** Roberta McMahon indicated that this subcommittee has not met in a while.

Marlene Roberti indicated that there are two federal grants involving the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence geared towards the older population to provide training for police departments and prosecutors on the issues around elder abuse.

### **III. New Business**

Marlene Roberti and Peg Langhaimer offered a power point presentation on the history and goals of the RI Sex Offender

## **Management Task Force.**

### **IV. Approval of minutes of 9/22/04**

**Attorney General Patrick Lynch made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2004 meeting. It was second by AAG Laura Pisaturo and all in favor.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.**